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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP, ASEC, SW, US, VN
SUBJECT: HUMPHREY-HUNG ESPIONAGE CASE

REF: STATE 050923

1. MFA SECRETARY-GENERAL LEIF LEIFLAND TOLD
DCM MARCH 2 THAT MFA HAD RECEIVED REPORT FROM SWEDISH
EMBASSY WASHINGTON ABOUT NILS DAAG'S CONVERSATION WITH
DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS REGARDING MESSAGES FROM SWEDISH
SOURCES TURNED OVER TO DEFENSE ATTORNEYS.

2. ASIDE FROM REGISTERING CONCERN ABOUT INCREASING
HAZARD OF SPEAKING TO US DIPLOMATS (SEE SEPTTEL), LEIFLAND
SAID HE WISHED TO CLARIFY ONE STATEMENT MADE TO DAAG.
THIS WAS THAT THE DEFENSE IN THE CASE MIGHT GET IN
CONTACT WITH SOME PERONS NAMED IN THE DOCUMENTS IN
QUESTION. LEIFLAND ASKED IF THIS MEANT THAT SWEDISH
AMBASSADOR OBERG (THE SOURCE OF THE SWEDISH MATERIAL
IN THE TRAFFIC) MIGHT BE BROUGHT DIRECTLY INTO THE CASE.

3. DCM REPLIED THAT NOT BEING LAWYER, HE WOULD DEFER
TO DEPARTMENT FOR OFFICIAL REPLY. DCM STRESSED THAT
HUMPHREY CASE WAS BEFORE THE COURTS AND HE COULD NOT
DISCUSS THE CASE ITSELF AT ALL. BASED ON HIS KNOWLEDGE
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OF US LEGAL SYSTEM IN GENERAL, HE BELIEVED DEPARTMENT
WAS WARNING OTHER COUNTRIES INVOLVED THAT UNDER US
LAW, DEFENSE ATTORNEY MIGHT SEEK TO CALL SOME SOURCES
OF CABLES AS WITNESSES. LEIFLAND ASKED IF THIS WAS
NOT REMINISCENT OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR JAWORSKI'S
ATTEMPT TO GET FORMER KOREAN AMBASSADOR CALLED BACK TO
US AS WITNESS IN KOREAN BRIBERY INVESTIGATION, WHICH

WAS BEING RESISTED BY STATE DEPARTMENT. DCM SAID
THERE DID SEEM TO BE A SIMILARITY, AND HE BELIEVED
THAT UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW STATE DEPARTMENT WOULD
CONTINUE TO INSIST IN ALL CASES THAT DIPLOMATS WERE
IMMUNE FROM BEING MADE TO PARTICIPATE IN DOMESTIC TRIAL.
HOWEVER, DCM SAID HE WOULD INFORM DEPARTMENT OF LEIFLAND'S
QUERY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY
REPLY THAT MIGHT BE FURNISHED TO MFA.
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